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Applicant: Droege

Serial No. 09/683,376

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR:

OPERATING A SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Attention: Box Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated January 22, 2002, enclosed is the Declaration and Power of Attorney, together with Part 2 of the Notice.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge of \$130 to Deposit Account Number 01-2384. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

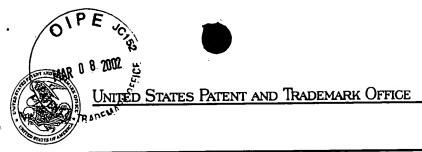
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

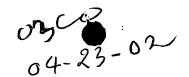
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- Response To Notice To File Missing Parts (1 pg.), along with Part 2 of Notice
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pgs.)
- Return post card

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